

WHS Site Council Minutes
December 16, 2020
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Joel Giacobozzi (Co-Chair, Principal), Laura Alderson Rotondo (CTE Coordinator), Kacie Kirkpatrick (Teacher), Sasha Kiani (Parent), Elizabeth Yusem (Parent), Joanna Honig (Teacher), Stephanie Venizelos (Co-Chair, Parent), Peter Centola (Parent)

Agenda for today:

1. Hybrid Update
 - a. By the Numbers
 - b. Anecdotes
 - c. Student Experience
2. Sports Update
3. Follow-Up from Last Meeting
 - a. Update on Testing
4. MCAS/PSAT Update

Hybrid Update:

- We have been in school for two weeks, but it feels like a year.
- This is where we stand with Cohorts
 - A (Mon & Wed in school) -164 students
 - B (Tue & Thur in school) - 203 students
 - C - fully remote - 255 students
 - D- 68 students - fully in school - This group includes High Needs students. It has grown from 50 and will likely continue to grow as many students have identified themselves as high need due to academics and/or emotional needs.
- There are some classes with just a few students, but teachers feel there is still value having students in person.
- The schedule change to a full day seems to be working well. The day is predictable. The Friday schedule seems to be working out, however, there was a suggestion to use 30 minutes of the 1hr advisory for teacher's office hours. There is some concern that students may not actually go to office hours, so Joel will do a bit more research on this issue.
- Joel will look at his student advisory group and make sure he is getting a solid representation from the whole student body.
- A big thank you went out to all the teachers and administrators for a bang out job!!!

Covid Testing:

Student Pool Testing: 180 (47%) We would like to see more students participating. Athletes who are not in school are now invited to test. Some suggestions to raise the number of students are getting Pool Tested.

- Have Student Council Representatives spread the word.
- Announce the results to everyone. "Yahoo - no Positive Tests"

Teachers are thrilled with how quick the results are coming back from their own tests.

Sports Update:

Basketball and Hockey teams are adjusting well and abiding by the rules.

Parents are disappointed to not be able to watch the indoor games.

MCAS and PSAT update:

- Students will be taking the MCAS in May because January date got pushed back:
- 10th and 11th graders will be taking PSAT January 26th

NEASC 5-year Progress:

This Five-Year Progress Report will be delayed one month until March 1, 2021. WHS is doing well!

Equity Task Force Update:

A faculty member of color will act as an advocate for a student (of color) in meetings when an investigation occurs.

Suggestion for deep work the Site Counsel could assist with.

- Community-Based Tier Intervention